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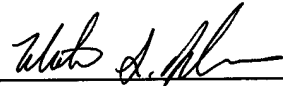
Claims 1-3, 6-14, and 17 are pending in the Application. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of objected to claims 4 and 5 which the Examiner indicated as being allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 1-3, 6-14, and 17 should thus be allowable. Claims 4 and 5 have been cancelled in light of the amendments made to claim 1. In addition, claim 6 has been amended to correct its dependency in light of the cancellation of claim 5.

The amendments made herein should now place the Application in condition for allowance. A notice of allowability is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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